

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-91 are pending in the application. Grammatical amendments have been made to Claims 2, 4-5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15-18, 21, 24, 27, 29-34, 36-50 and 66-91, which are based on translations of the original German claims, to enable these claims to read more clearly. Claims 51-65, written in the "use" format, are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 92-110; corresponding to claims 51-65 but written using the "method" format, have been added. No new matter is added by either the claim amendments or the new claims. Claims 1-50 and 66-110 are all believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated.

The specification has also been amended to add section headings and a cross reference to the related application to which priority is claimed in the present case. No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of the amendments to the claims and the specification is respectfully requested.

#### EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail to Addressee (mail label #EV342604323 US) in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 10, 2005:

Dorothy Jenkins

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence



Signature

March 10, 2005

Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



Mark A. Farley

Registration No.: 33,170

OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB & SOFFEN, LLP

1180 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York 10036-8403

Telephone: (212) 382-0700

MAF:jl